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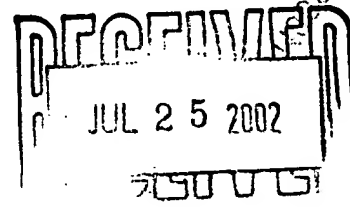
Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,181,137 to KOIDE, issued January 19, 1993; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,317,245 to HAMA et al., issued November 13, 2001.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.



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Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/598,429 to HAMA et al., filed June 22, 2000, and entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Optical System";

✓ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/619,692 to HAMA et al., filed July 19, 2000, and
Considered entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Device";

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8/4/03 U.S. Patent Application No. 09/699,359 to HAMA et al., filed October 31, 2000, and
entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Optical System";

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/699,357 to HAMA et al., filed October 31, 2000, and entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Optical System"; and

✓ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/817,339 to HAMA et al., filed March 27, 2001, and entitled "Multi-Beam Scanning Device".

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(iii), copies of the above noted patent applications, as filed, are attached hereto.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
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